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The following extracts are taken from  
the *Daily Graphic* :—

About £8,000 has already reached the Lord Mayor in aid of his appeal for the fund. (1) The widows and orphans of the soldiers and sailors killed in the war (including officers), (2) the sick and wounded under treatment, (3) the disabled by wounds from further service, and (4) the wives and children of soldiers and sailors serving in the forces. The trustees are Sir Ernest Cassel, K.C., Sir G. G. Grey, £25,000; the Lord Mayor, £20,000; the Lord Chamberlain, £20,000 for the widows and orphans and £1,000 for each of the other three branches of the fund. Other subscribers included—Sir Edward Clarke, M.P., gave £125; the directors of the Associated London Newspapers, Limited, per Sir W. Ingram, £100; Sir M. Tuppell, £100; Sir H. C. Fox, £100; Poland, G.C., £105; Messrs. Cook, Sons, and Co., £105; Messrs W. and A. Gilbey, £105; similar £105, Messrs. J. and F. Sainsbury; £105; the staff of Messrs. Wrentham, Bell, and Co., £105; Mr. Pandolfi Belli, £100; Sir M. T. R. D. war, £105; Messrs Spiers and Pond, £105; Mrs. Whitaker Wright, £600 for the London Exhibitions. Earl's Cove, £100; Messrs. C. and J. G. Clark, £100. Claring Church, in addition to giving £400, has offered to receive donations at the West End in aid of the fund. Mr. Wilsont Barrett has promised to give the whole proceeds of a morning performance at the Lyceum towards the fund and Mr. C. P. Little, assisted by Miss Editha Terrie, is giving the whole entertainment for the same purpose.

APPEAL FROM THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE.  
A MANSION HOUSE FUND.  
To THE EDITOR OF THE 'Daily Graphic,'  
The Mansion House, October 21st.  
Sir,—In response to the accompanying  
appeal from H.R.H. the Duke of Cam-  
bridge, I have consented to open a fund for  
the benefit of the widows, orphans, and  
other dependents of officers and men of His  
Majesty's forces who may unfortunately  
lose their lives in the war operations in  
South Africa.

At the same time I think it right to say that there are cognate objects for public philanthropy in connection with our gallant troops engaged in those operations. I allude to the soldiers themselves who may get disabled by wounds and the wives and children separated at home here from their husbands and fathers by the exigencies of the war.

public the widest scope for their benevolence, that contributions for widows, orphans, and other dependents of those who may lose their lives shall be handed to the Patriotic Fund Commission for administration; those for sick and wounded while under treatment, to the British Red Cross Society; those for soldiers disabled by wounds (for their benefit after they leave

the service) to that excellent organization, Lloyd's Patriotic Fund, founded in the City in 1803; and these for wives and children separated to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association. All contributions should therefore be clearly indicated. Local donors as follows:—(1) Widows and Orphans, (2) Sick and Wounded, (3) Disabled Soldiers, (4) Widows and Children, (5) Apprentices.

southern, (3) widows and children, (4) the marked will be handed over for the home of widows and orphans, as it is upon the Duke of Cambridge's appeal that I ask the public to give liberally. As this is a national emergency I would earnestly invite the co-operation and assistance of my brethren mayors, to whom I have already had occasion this year to apply for help in other

Donations may be sent to the Secretary Office, Mansion House, or to the Bank of England, to the credit of 'The Transvaal War Fund.' I would especially request donors to send their contributions in such a way that they may not be confused with the simultaneous appeal for the Transvaal Refugee Fund, which, in spite of its great

street, is still urgently in need of assistance.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,  
JOHN VOCE MOORE, Lord Mayor.

Royal Commission of the Patriotic Fund.  
53, Charing Cross, Oct. 21, 1899.  
MY DEAR LORD MAYOR,—The enclosed

yesterday resulted, so the telegrams state, in killed and wounded among our troops. This means soldiers' widows and orphans to be provided for. Parliament has placed upon the Patriotic Fund Commission the responsibility of appealing to the public for contributions for the benefit of widows, orphans, and other dependents of officers.

and men of Her Majesty's Naval and Military Forces.

You, my Lord Mayor, are yourself  
Patriotic Fund Commissioner.

It is, therefore, my duty as President of the Patriotic Fund Commission to ask you at once kindly open a fund for the benefit of the widows, orphans, and other dependents of those who have been living

Arrangements have already been made, in the case of our recent war operations, the North-West frontier of India and other operations in various parts of Africa, for immediate relief to the widows, and the War Office authorities will give us the same facilities.

I will only add that the object of the Fund will be to provide the widows with regular allowances during widowhood according to their circumstances and regular allowances to the children—boys under fourteen years of age and girls under sixteen years of age—as has been done by the Co-

mission in the case of every widow and orphan of those who fell in the recent campaigns to which I have alluded. Such children as it may be desirable to place in orphanages will be placed in the Royal Victoria Patriotic Asylum for Girls, or other available homes.

I have every confidence that the nation will respond liberally to this appeal.

your lordship will be so good as to open  
Mansion House Fund, and, thanking y  
in anticipation, allow me to remain, m  
dear Lord Mayor,—Yours very faithfully  
GEORGE PRESIDENT.  
The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor  
of the City of London.

Lieut Nesbitt, who, according to information, was grievously wounded during the defence of the armoured train destroyed by the Boers, has already secured a good deal of fighting in South Africa; he is the son of Major Nesbitt, of Grahamstown.

town, who was one of the survivors of the Birkenhead. Major Nesbitt was forty years old at the time of that historic display of British courage and soldierly discipline. After the ship went down, he swam to one of the boats, which was full with women and children. The sailor beat him off, and it was only due to the entreaties of the women that he was taken

into the already overlaid craft. On  
hand was injured in the struggle to  
into the boat, and the lad lost two of  
fingers.











